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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service the China Mail.)

### INDIAN LADY "CALLED."

#### CONGRATULATIONS FROM CHINA.

LONDON, March 22.  
In a speech at a dinner given by the Parsee Association in honour of Miss Tata, who is the first Indian woman to be called to the Bar, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, said the Indian people were conservative like the Chinese and congratulated the Parsees on taking a distinguished part in industrial development at what he termed the springtime of India's fortunes. He anticipated great things from the womanhood of the middle East in regard to which he congratulated Miss Tata on her pioneering courage and ability. He pointed out that India was beginning to have a consciousness of international responsibilities. China had derived much from India and welcomed everything except her opium. The two countries had many attachments and he saw no signs likely to upset the continuance of smooth relations.

### OUR LATE G. O. C.

#### APPOINTED TO INDIAN COMMAND.

LONDON, March 22.  
Lieut-General Sir George Kirkpatrick has been appointed General Officer Commanding the Western Command in India.  
[Lieut-General Sir George Kirkpatrick commenced his military career at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada. Entering the Royal Engineers in 1885, he attained his captaincy in 1894, became Major in 1903 and Colonel in 1906. He was appointed aide-de-camp to the General Officer Commanding the Thames District in 1892-93 and from 1899 to 1902 he acted as D. A. A. G. in South Africa. In the subsequent two years he was of D. A. Q. M. G. in Canada, serving at Headquarters from 1904 to 1906. Whilst serving in South Africa he was twice mentioned in despatches, securing the Queen's Medal and five clasps and the King's Medal and two clasps and being given brevets of Major and Lieut-Colonel. From 1906 to 1910 he served as a General Staff Officer of the first grade in India. From 1910 to 1914 he was Inspector General of Military Forces in Australia and during the first year of the European War was promoted Major General, with which rank he acted as Director of Military operations in India. From 1916 he was Chief of General Staff in India, and held that post up till the time he was appointed General Officer Commanding, Hongkong.]

### STEADINESS OF THE MARK.

#### BUSINESS FAILURES IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, March 22.  
The continuous steadiness of the mark is causing considerable difficulties among business firms and a well-known Berlin company dealing in precious metals suspended payment. Its liabilities are said to be 34,500,000 marks and its assets 2,500,000 marks. It is reported that this failure has involved other firms. The *Vossische Zeitung* publishes reports from Hamburg of the insolvency of several grain, fodder and cocoa firms. The fall in prices has caused difficulties to many other firms. Uneasiness in Hamburg is increasing as the possibility of these firms finding support is lessening.

### DUFF DEVELOPMENT CONCESSION.

#### KELANTAN GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL.

LONDON, March 22.  
The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the Government of Kelantan against the arbitrators' award that the Government was bound to construct a railway and cartroad within the Duff Development Company's concession within four years from July, 1912, but failed to do so. The Lord Chancellor suggested it was now incumbent on the Kelantan Government and the British Colonial Office to consider carefully whether and to what extent the plea of sovereignty could justly be insisted on in order to prevent the enforcement of the award and the orders of the courts for payment of costs.

### STEEL DEARER.

#### SHIP PLATES COSTING MORE.

LONDON, March 22.  
The Scottish steelmakers announce a further increase in certain steel products including ten shillings a ton on ship-plates which tend to check the recent improvement in the shipbuilding and steel trades.

### TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

#### LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETS.

GENEVA, March 22.  
The second session of the League of Nations' advisory committee for the suppression of traffic in women and children has opened. It will deal later with the proposal not to employ foreign women in any capacity in licensed houses.

### THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 11/16.  
To-day's opening rate 2/3 11/16.

### GERMAN UNITY.

#### CHANCELLOR CUNO IN BAVARIA.

BERLIN, March 22.  
Chancellor Cuno, accompanied by the Minister for Defence, (Herr Gessler) and the Minister for Posts (Herr Steege) arrived at Munich, was welcomed by the Bavarian Premier and authorities and received an ovation from the crowd. Speaking at the Foreign Office Herr Cuno emphasised that the policy of passive resistance must be continued. Later he visited the Diet. Replying to the address of the President Chancellor Cuno said the victory of the Central Government depended on the support of the federal parliaments and the unity of the nation.

### CAIRO CLASH.

#### POLICE V. SOLDIERS.

CAIRO, March 22.  
The newspapers report a fracas in an obscure quarter of the town of Tanta, between Egyptian police and the soldiers of an Egyptian infantry regiment wherein thirty were wounded, mostly police, and one fatally injured. It is supposed that the trouble arose through reprisals carried out by the soldiers for the beating at the police station of an N.C.O. arrested by the police.

### DUTCH TRADE WITH GERMANY.

#### DIFFICULTIES BEING OVERCOME.

THE HAGUE, March 22.  
In the Second Chamber, replying to a Socialist relative to the difficulties of the navigation of the Rhine and carrying on Dutch trade with occupied Germany, the Foreign Minister said satisfaction results had already been attained by the Government's representations. The Government hoped the remaining difficulties would be removed.

### BRITISH POSITION IMPROVING.

LONDON, March 22.  
Reuter understands that the position regarding British trade with unoccupied Germany is showing signs of steady improvement. Both the French and German authorities have made concessions and the Rhineland commission has arranged for the free and uninterrupted passage of British coal into Germany.

### SILVER MONEY.

#### BIG SAVING MADE.

LONDON, March 22.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin replying to Mr. Thorne said that the saving from the reduction in silver fineness of token silver coins depended on the amount of silver recoined but already amounted to several million pounds. He was not considering a return to sterling silver.

### BACK FROM THE CONTINENT.

#### BANK OF ENGLAND GOVERNOR.

LONDON, March 22.  
Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, returned heralded from the Continent—appeared in the chair at to-day's meeting of the Bank of England directors.

### LENIN'S CONDITION CONSIDERED HOPELESS.

HELSINGFORS, March 22.  
Notwithstanding recent official bulletins a Moscow message says official circles consider Lenin's condition hopeless.

### RUBBER COMPANY'S APPEAL.

LONDON, March 22.  
The House of Lords dismissed the appeal of the Merliman Rubber States Limited against the assessment of its excess profits duty.

### JAPANESE COMMUNIST IN RUSSIA.

RIGA, March 22.  
A Japanese Communist has arrived from Moscow where he participated in the congress of the third international. The customs examination of his luggage revealed a quantity of communist literature.

### POLES ATTACK LITHUANIANS.

KOVNO, March 22.  
A Lithuanian post, five Lithuanian soldiers were killed and one wounded.

### FRANCS WILD MOVE.

LONDON, March 22.  
A feature of the exchange market was the wild movements of French and Belgian francs which finally receded to 69/50 and 70/45.

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**SATURDAY, March 24, 1923,**  
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**MONDAY, March 26, 1923,**  
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at No. 2 Clermont Villa (10 Chatham  
Road) Kowloon

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Valuable Household Furniture,  
Comprising:—  
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mantel piece, flower stand with marble  
top, brass ornaments, pictures, curtains,  
music cabinet, marble statues, electro-  
radiator, carved cherrywood desk, silver-  
ware etc.  
Extension dining table, dining chairs,  
sideboards with bevelled mirror, dinner  
wagon, silver cabinet, tea set, liquor  
set, cut-glasses, etc.  
Double brass bedsteads, double and  
single wardrobes with glass doors,  
dressing table, chest-of-drawers, couch,  
etc.

Also  
One Dresden China Dinner Service  
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One American Ice Chest  
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**LAMMERT BROS.,**  
Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received in-  
structions from Mr. A. M. L. Soares  
to sell by Public Auction, on

**WEDNESDAY, March 28, 1923,**  
commencing at 2.45 p.m.  
at his residence "Clovelly" No. 12,  
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Valuable Household Furniture,  
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silk brocade curtains, brass curtain  
poles, electro-radiator, bookcases, etc.,  
etc.

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dining table and chairs, dinner  
waggon, ice chest, tea tables, glass  
cabinet with glass shelves, Dinner and  
Tea services, glass ware, etc., etc.

Brass and Iron bedsteads, double and  
single wardrobes with bevelled glass  
doors, dressing table, marble top  
washstands etc.

Large Satsuma and porcelain vases,  
bronze statues, brass ornaments etc.  
Also  
Large Axminster Carpets, Pile rug  
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One Piano by Eskey, New York  
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of the liquid sometimes found in-  
closed in the cavities of crystals.  
The gem in question contained a  
tube shaped cavity a quarter of an  
inch long and an eighteenth of an  
inch in diameter, which was so  
regular in its bore that it served,  
by means of the liquid partially  
filling it, for a thermometer.  
The contained liquid half filled the  
bore at 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and  
completely filled it at 80 degrees.  
A study of the rate of expansion  
of the liquid led to the conclusion  
that it must be carbonic acid.—*New  
York Herald.*

## New Panama Canal.

The question of a new canal join-  
ing the Atlantic and the Pacific  
came up for discussion when the  
Secretary for War, Mr. Weeks, pre-  
sented figures showing that traffic  
through the Panama Canal was in-  
creasing at a rate which, if con-  
tinued, would soon render the  
waterway inadequate. Earnings  
from Panama are now 50 per cent.  
greater than last year, and 352  
vessels passed through in January,  
paying tolls of \$300,000. Traffic  
has nearly quadrupled since the  
canal was opened, and it is reason-  
able to believe that the normal  
growth of the traffic will overtax  
Panama's capacity in the course of  
the ten or fifteen years which must  
elapse before a new canal could be  
completed. Military experts be-  
lieve that the Nicaragua route  
could be more easily defended than  
the Panama, because the locks  
would be further inland. Another  
consideration bearing upon the  
construction of a new waterway is  
the inadequacy of the Panama  
Canal, with its 1,000ft locks, which  
find it difficult to handle the largest  
warships in the event of their re-  
quiring abnormal draft through  
injury in a naval engagement.  
Another important consideration  
is the danger to the present canal  
by landslides, which may render  
the waterway useless for a pro-  
longed period at any time.

## Poetry in the Street.

It is strange, when one comes to  
think of it, how few fragments of  
English poetry are on the lips of  
the man-in-the-street. (Write "V."  
Knox in the *Daily News*.) To justify  
this, I ought perhaps to say that one  
must choose one's man (and one's  
street) wisely. If you choose a  
quicker ordinary man, I do not care  
whether he is rich or poor, so  
long as he is clearly this: a great  
quantity of ordinariness shining in  
his eyes, had reflected in his  
conversation, what lines of English

poetry, or what parts of lines,  
would you be prepared to bet that  
he knew, in such a way that they  
came readily and swiftly into his  
conversation, or repeated them-  
selves in his mind as he walked  
alone? I suppose I am not what  
you would call a plunger; but after  
thinking hard about it, I am  
prepared to gamble on only  
three. One is "I shot an  
arrow into the air." But I  
am not going to lay very long odds  
on that. The second is safe. It  
is:—"To be or not to be, that is the  
question." Why people should  
know this line I cannot imagine,  
but I am sure that they do. It is  
even harder to understand why  
they should know the third which  
is:—"Come into the garden,  
Maud." But this line, too, I believe  
to be familiar, because I remember  
a music-hall comedian who used  
to say:—"We've got a pig; we've  
called it Maud because it will keep  
coming into the garden." And the  
audience always laughed. You can  
imagine, then, with what delight  
and with what amazement I over-  
heard a chance remark outside one  
of the Tube stations a day or two  
ago. A newspaper seller, a dazed or  
looking and rather a ragged man,  
shivered a little, and said to one of  
his colleagues, with a touch of  
bitterness, "If Winter Comes,"  
And then, after a slight pause—  
"Can spring be far behind?"

How Paisley came to be known  
as "Seestu" is thus told by a  
correspondent of *The Evening  
Times* in reply to an anxious  
inquirer in "Gossip and Grum-  
bles":—"The Rev. James Hamilton,  
D.D., a Paisley man, who wrote the  
memoirs of James Wilson, F.R.S.  
E. of Woodville, a brother of  
"Christopher North," opens his  
first chapter with the following  
story:—"The scene is Edinburgh  
Castle, about the year 1830. An  
English tourist is standing on the  
Rock with a lank, keen-visaged  
Scottishman for interpreter and  
guide. "Now, my good friend,"  
said the Southern, "you have talk-  
ed quite enough about your native  
town. Pray, forget Paisley for a  
moment, and let us look at Edin-  
burgh." "It's no easy to forget,"  
Paisley when you look at Edin-  
burgh," replied the offended Scot-  
tishman, "and he pointed to-  
wards the University buildings;  
"that's Embro College, where they  
came from England and a' pairs  
to learn to be doctors and chancel-  
lors and members o' Parliament,  
and the cleverest men in the three  
kingdoms for its professors; but  
for the cleverest of them a' is ane  
John Wilson and he's a Paisley  
man." And see't out," pointing  
to a distant spire, "yon's the  
steeples o' North Leith. It's the best  
stupid in Scotland; and at this  
present time it's allowed to have  
the best preacher in Scotland for  
its minister. Ye must have heard  
tell of the Rev. James Buchanan;

but ye may have forgotten that he's  
a Paisley man. And see't out that  
kirk wi' the doom on't. That's St  
George's, where a' the gentry at-  
tend for the sake of the singing;  
and Ise warrant ye'll no hear the  
like o' the precursor in a England.  
They call him R. A. Smith, and he's  
a Paisley man." And see't out  
where a' the coaches are waiting to  
start? That's the Register Office.  
Ye may say it's the keystone o' the  
kingdom; for lairds and lands a'  
hing by it. But, though it's the  
place where dukes and earls keep  
their titles, and the king himself  
keeps his papers, every day when  
the clerks gae hame and door is  
steekit, the entire place is left in  
charge of an auld wife, and she's a  
Paisley woman."

## Lamb's Favourite Books.

What were Charles Lamb's  
favourite books? We know that  
he adored Coleridge to read  
Beaumont and Fletcher's plays,  
likewise Massinger's and Ford's  
and that Coleridge in turn advised  
him to study Plutarch and  
Porphyrus, through whom we know  
all that can be known about  
Plotinus. He tells us that Burns  
was an old favourite. The appear-  
ance of a presentation copy (to C.  
May) of Walton and Cotton's  
"Compleat Angler," at Sotheby's  
reminds us that he also worshipped  
the great Isaac. Writing to  
Wordsworth on April 26, 1816,  
he says, "Isaac Walton  
hallows any page in which  
his reverend name appears." And  
thirty years before, writing to  
Coleridge whose "Religious Mus-  
ings" Lamb held to be the next  
noblesse after "Paradise Lost," he  
asks: "Among all your quaint  
reading did you ever light upon  
Walton's 'Compleat Angler'?" I  
asked you the question once be-  
fore: it breathes the very spirit of  
innocence, purity, and simplicity  
of heart. There are many old  
choice verses interspersed in it.  
It would Christianise every dis-  
cordant angry passion; it would  
sweeten a man's temper at  
any time to read it." And  
he improves the occasion by  
questioning Coleridge whether  
he had made it up with Southey  
yet. Both were silly fellows; to  
fall out like boarding-school  
misers. So kiss, shake hands, and  
make it up." Of course, Lamb  
could not afford a first edition of  
the "Compleat Angler" (1653). He  
had to be content with one of 1772  
(three years before he was born),  
and it fetched £17 (Spencer). One  
wonders where Lamb's copy of  
Milton's works in Latin now hides.  
In presenting it to Coleridge, he  
wrote: "A book reads the better  
which is our own, and has been so  
long known to us that we know the  
topography of its blots and dog's  
ears, and can trace the dirt it is  
having read it at tea with buttered  
muffins, or over a pipe which I  
think is the maximum."

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A telegram from our Singapore correspondent states that Mr. Robert Thorburn, who was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire at Shanghai, disappeared from the "Hakone Maru" yesterday when the ship was nearing Penang.

It is presumed that he fell overboard. He had with him a draft for £1,600 and suicide is unlikely as he had been quite cheerful.

The Hongkong office of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire were not able this afternoon to furnish any particulars about the missing man except that he was a chief engineer and was proceeding home, having resigned on March 8.

## DEADLY PILLS?

CHINESE WOMAN'S DEATH.

DOCTOR CHARGED.

That he administered to Chan Mui (a woman) certain poison, dis-infective noxious thing whereby the said Chan Mui was killed" was the charge brought against a Chinese doctor, named Lui Chun, before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

According to Divisional Sub-Inspector Langan, who had charge of the case, defendant sold some pills to the woman on February 20 and about a fortnight later she died from the effects of them.

When asked to plead, defendant said that a Lau Kwai asked him for the medicine but "I did not know whom he gave it to." He had been doing this, he said, for thirty years.

Defendant was remanded in police custody.

## BANK OF CANTON LTD.

DIVIDEND OF 6 PER CENT.

The report of the Board of Directors to the shareholders of the Bank of Canton, Ltd. states:—

"The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The net profits for that period including 46,361 sh. 1d. balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges amount to £33,350 10s. 11d.

The Directors propose to transfer \$300,000 from the Silver Reserve in order to declare a dividend of 6 per cent. amounting to \$24,276 00. 2d. which at 2/23 is equivalent to H. \$576,984.35.

The Directors announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Chuck Yew Foon in last summer, Mr. Cheng Yuet Po was appointed Inspector of Accounts to take his place, which appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. Li Yuk Tong, Mak Lai Ting, Ma Chui Chiu and Li Wing Kwong retired from the Board but, being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly. Messrs. Ng Chuck Chuen and Cheng Yuet Po, our Inspectors of Accounts for the past year, now retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, who were our Auditors for the past year, and they now retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

With the weather remaining in a good mood, the Hongkong Cricket Club tennis tournament was continued yesterday. All the courts being occupied. The results were:—

Open Champion Singles.—S. A. Rumpjohn beat K. W. Lane, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Open Champion Doubles.—R. H. Wild and J. D. Humphreys beat S. H. Jamail and S. D. Ismail, 6-2, 8-6, 6-1, 6-3, 7-5; V. Yanovich and Wong Po-kung beat R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; C. Willson and L. Forster beat H. E. Grace and J. E. Lloyd, 8-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A."—E. R. S. Dods (-2/0) beat R. M. Smith (+15/1), 6-4, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.—E. P. Harrison and M. G. Edwards (+2/0) beat T. P. Claxton and J. Hooper (+10/1), 5-7, 8-6, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles.—E. Grimbé and Mrs. Grimbé (ref.) beat P. P. Wedehouse and Mrs. Wedehouse (+15/1), 6-2, 6-3; A. D. Ball and Mrs. Borch (-1/8) beat Butterworth and Miss Butterworth (+15/1), 4-6, 6-4.

## LOCAL CAPABLANCA.

CHINESE CHESS MARVEL PLAYED ALL AND SUNDRY.

A Chinese was fined \$3 this morning for causing an obstruction in a roadway. Sergeant Elson told the Magistrate that the man had thirty-two chess-boards on a roadside with announcements that he was ready to play all comers. He was a Professor of Chinese chess and when arrested was participating in four games at the same time. He must have been something of a chess wizard as a crowd of forty gathered round his stand. The sergeant added that it was the man's policy to let his clients win the first game or two and encourage higher stakes; then he would exercise his talents and play to win.

CHINESE CHESS IN THE STREETS. A run to that piece of public ground below the Tung Wah Hospital and near the junction of Hollywood Road and Queen's Road known to every Chinese in Hongkong, as *Dai Dart Day*, will, especially in the evenings, afford an opportunity of seeing the Chinese professional chess-players. By no means dignified, sitting in the gutter with probably a fortune-teller on one side and a bird fancier on the other, the chess stallholders display their wares.

It would be impossible to attempt an explanation of the game in these columns, but most people know that the Chinese game is not unlike our game. In the Chinese game, the men are placed at the crossing of lines instead of on the squares and there is an empty space of about an inch in width in the middle of the board. This is known as "the river," some men being confined to their own half while the pawns have additional powers conferred when they "cross the river." Displayed prominently on the river are four characters to the effect that no move can be restricted once a player has lifted his hand.

A peculiarity of these street-games is that no complete games are played and the stallholders are not experts. Chessmen are placed on the boards in various positions as though a game had been in progress and play had stopped at that stage. A different set piece is on each board either "black" or "white" to move as the case may be. The patron has choice of sides and bets against the stallholder.

The curious feature of it all is that every man in the business has the same "set pieces" and for five cents a book can be purchased at a stationer's which gives instructions as to what to do. The men are so placed that the slightest deviation from the hard-and-fast rules will lose the game. If a customer is sufficiently versed in the book to make the regulation moves, the game can only end in a draw. Nevertheless, there are quite a number, who make a living this way. A sure way of making one of these so-called experts "lose face" is to challenge him to a complete game and offer him odds. He will invariably beg to be excused as he believes that a man would not challenge him unless he was a real expert and confident of winning.

GARDEN RENDEZVOUS. QUAIN INTIMIDATION STORY.

Mr. Leo d'Almada yesterday defended one of two Chinese charged with demanding money by menaces. In cross examination, Mr. d'Almada suggested that the intimidating letter was written by the complainant who addressed it to himself in order to incriminate defendant. Mr. d'Almada produced a photo, said to be of defendant, in the company of complainant's two girl cousins. Complainant denied that he had quarrelled with Mr. d'Almada's client because the latter had had a love affair with one of his girl cousins. Also, defendant had never been his friend and he had not warned him not to walk out with his cousins.

The details of the case as related by Det. Inspector J. Grant were that the complainant received a letter on March 10 asking him to be at the Blake Gardens on the evening of the 13th. A flower in his hand was to be the distinguishing sign. Following a report to the police, two detectives accompanied complainant to the gardens. A sum of \$200 was demanded in the letter, and unless this was paid revolvers would be used.

The attempt to trap the would-be intimidators at the rendezvous proved abortive, as nobody came forward. On returning home, it is alleged that Mr. d'Almada's client accosted complainant. Both sides received reinforcements, defendant being joined by four or five others while two brothers were present in the interests of complainant. At a tea-house, a discussion ensued after which it is said a Chinese constable, dressed in civilian clothes, listened to the bargaining which was finally reduced to \$5. The constable, whose aid had been enlisted by one of the brothers, then made the arrests.

The Magistrate (Mr. E. E. Lind-sell), after hearing part of the evidence, adjourned the case.

## FALSE OPIUM LABELS.

SMART SENTENCE FOR SMUGGLER.

For being in possession of 104 false opium labels, a Chinese employed in the customs department of the s.s. "San Nam Ho" was sentenced by Mr. J. at the Magistrate's court this morning to six months' imprisonment with hard labour without the option of a fine. Three tals of non-government opium also traced to him, cost him a fine of \$500 or a further six months in jail.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty to the charges, was arrested by Chief Preventive Officer Clarke on the arrival of the steamer at 3 a.m. this morning. Some of the opium was in pots on which false labels had already been pasted.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS

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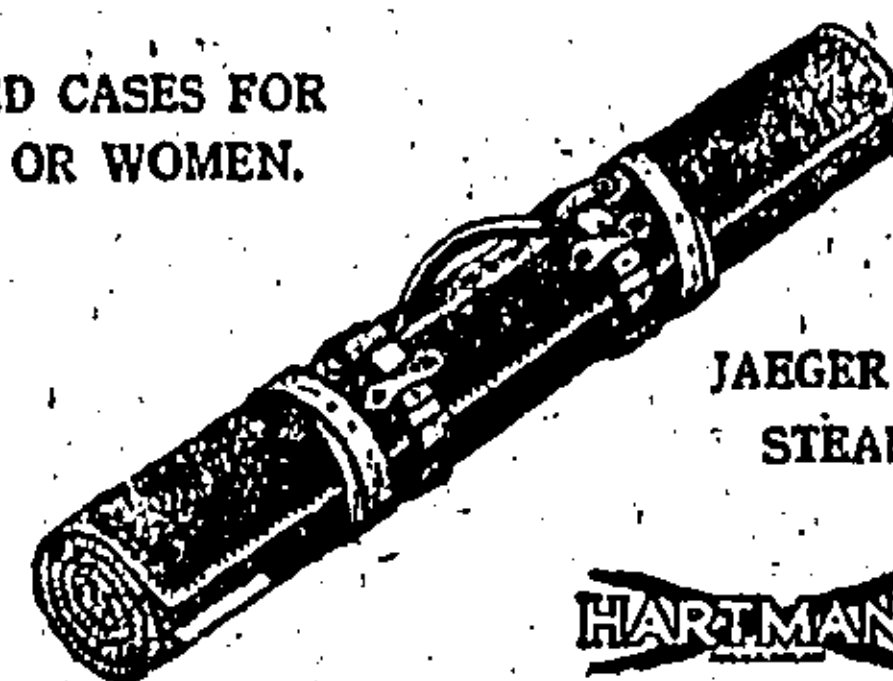
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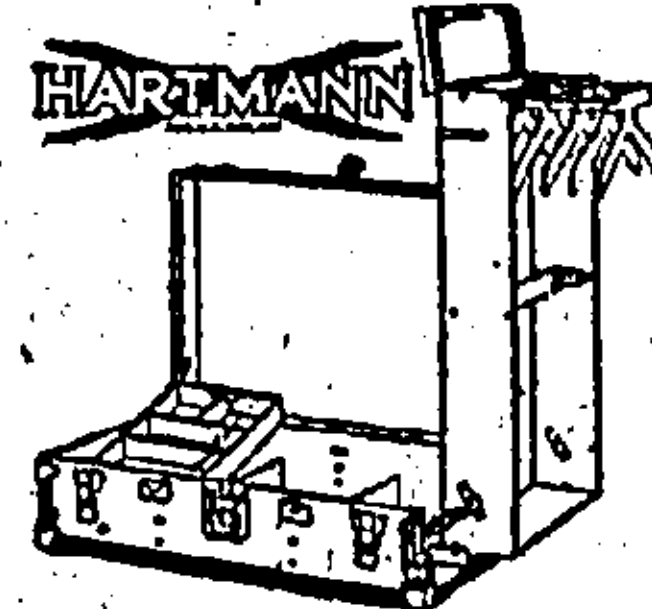
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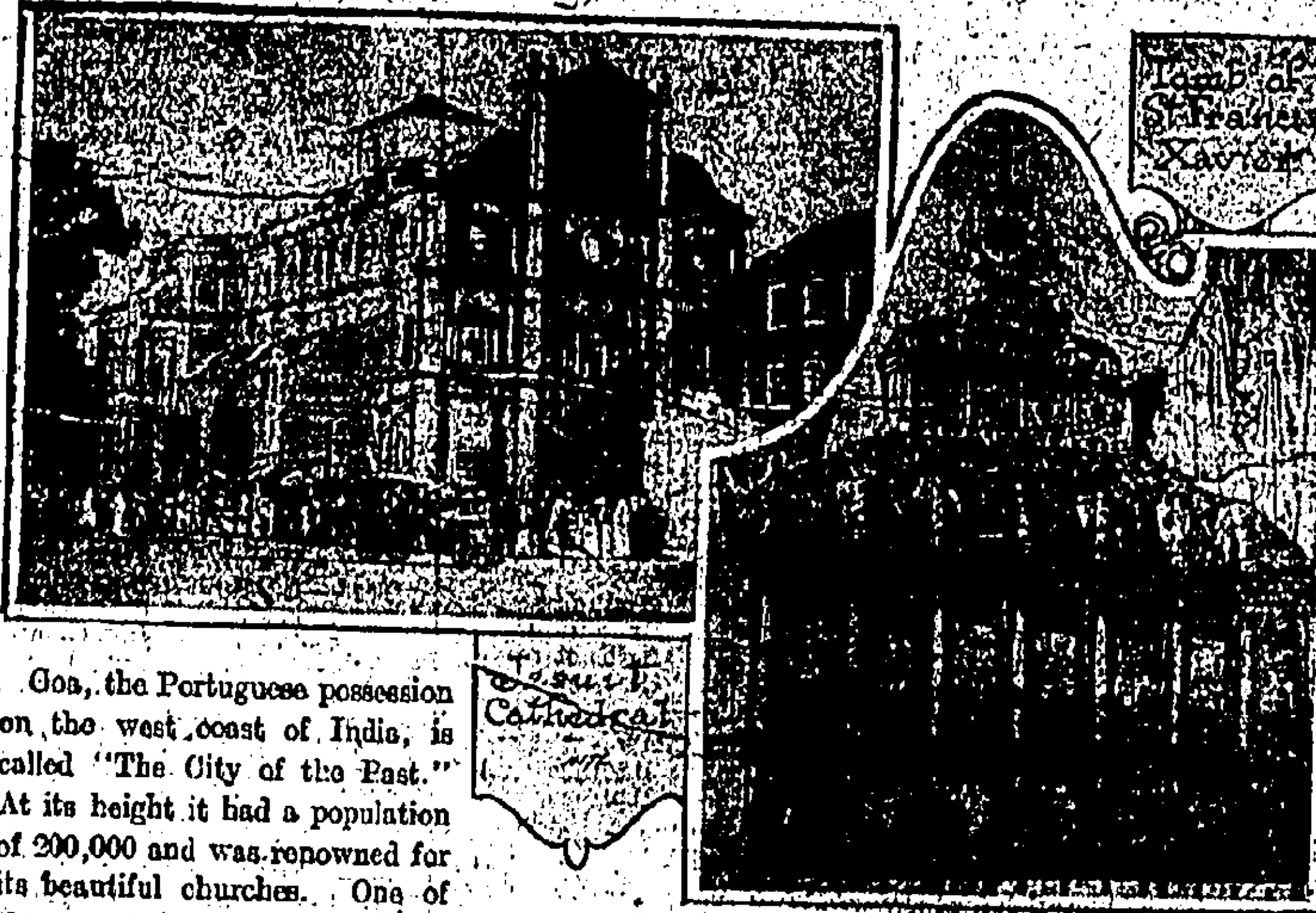
Mrs. James J. Davis & son  
Mrs. Miles Poindexter

Mrs. Miles Poindexter, wife of the defeated United States Senator from Washington, has stirred up a hornet's nest in Washington by her public revelations of official secrets, in which she named wives of Cabinet secretaries as using Government motorcars, having the Marine Band play for them and getting flowers from Government conservatories. One of the women named is Mrs. James J. Davis, wife of the Secretary of Labour, who is said by Mrs. Poindexter to have used Government motor cars on her shopping expeditions.



Mrs. Mae Hunt Nolan and daughter

Mrs. Mae Hunt Nolan has won the special election for Congress which followed her husband's death. She defeated six other candidates.



Goa, the Portuguese possession on the west coast of India, is called "The City of the East." At its height it had a population of 200,000 and was renowned for its beautiful churches. One of the most beautiful of these is the cathedral, which houses the tomb of St. Francis Xavier. The city now has less than 1,500 inhabitants, and most of its churches have fallen into decay. The one event of the year is the annual pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Francis Xavier. The body of the saint is in a silver casket, studded with precious stones, the gift of one of the queens of Spain.



Eve Barnard

Charged with stealing a \$60 dress in a store. She confessed the theft and permitted herself to be captured to furnish her husband, E. F. Barnard, with grounds for divorce so that he might marry another woman. She said they had tried to secure a divorce, but lawyers told them they had no grounds. "So," she said, "I thought if I could get arrested and convicted he could get his divorce. I love him so much I cannot deny him anything."



Central figures in the forthcoming marriage of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, father of the bride, was photographed at his estate, near Welwyn, Herts, England, while his wife, the Countess, was snapped during a recent visit to London. The others here pictured were bridesmaids at the wedding of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles and, according to society gossip in London, will act in a similar capacity at the wedding of the Duke of York.



Count and Countess Frederick d'Janzo

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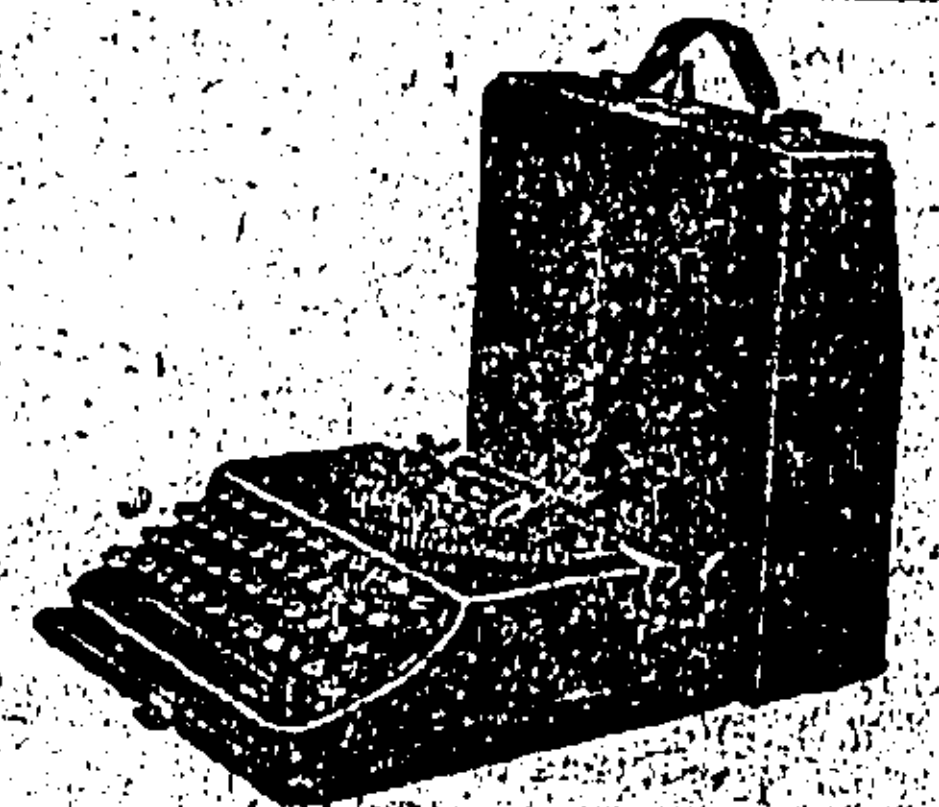
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